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# Charge laid in robocall scandal

**Tory troubles.** Party insists it ran clean campaign, had no role in misleading calls to voters

A junior Conservative campaign worker in Guelph, Ont., has been charged under the Elections Act in relation to fraudulent robocalls made during the 2011 election campaign.

Elections Canada said in a release Tuesday Michael Sona, 24, has been "charged with having wilfully prevented or endeavoured to prevent an elector from voting at an election."

Sona was a young employee on the campaign of local Conservative candidate Marty Burke in Guelph.

"The strong public reaction to the fraudulent tele-

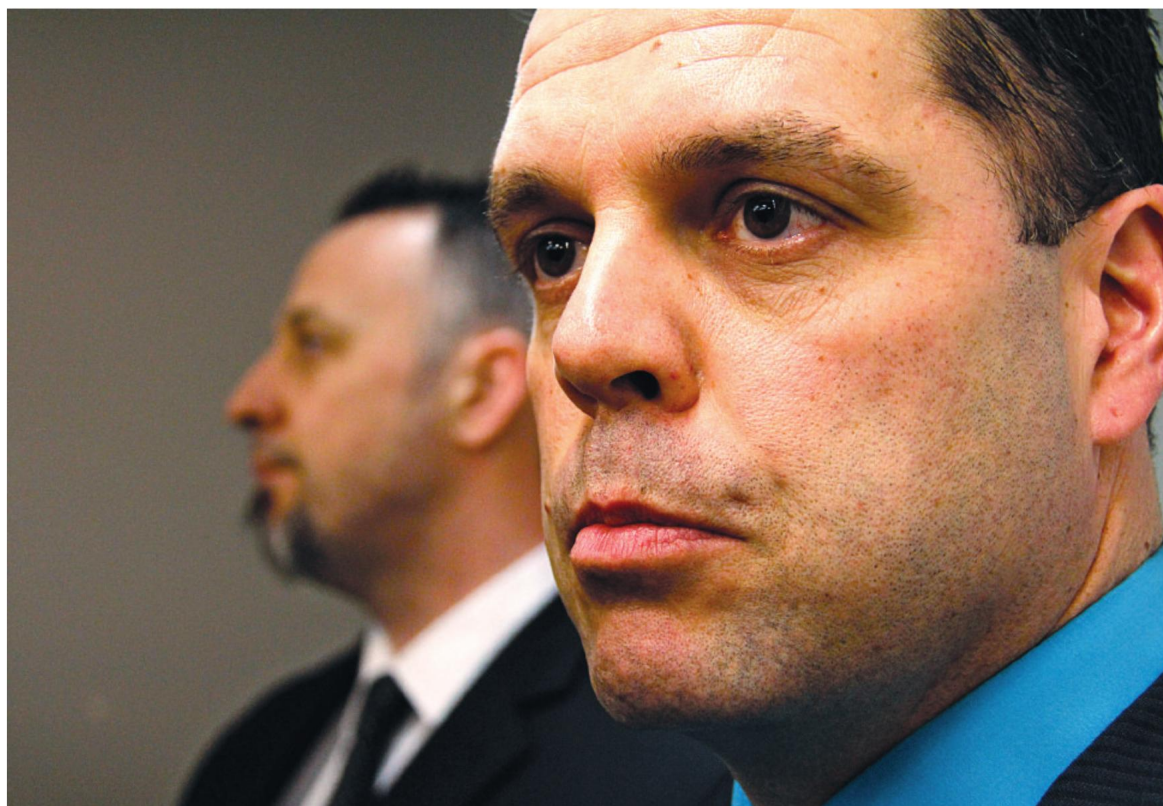
phone calls made to electors in Guelph during the May 2011 general election shows how deeply disturbed Canadians were by what happened," Yves Cote, the commissioner of Elections Canada, said in the release.

"I hope that the charge we filed today will send a strong message that such abuses under the Canada Elections Act will not be tolerated."

Elections Canada has been investigating hundreds of fraudulent robocalls in Guelph and dozens of other ridings across Canada that purported to be from the elections regulator.

Voters were told their polling stations had been moved, part of an alleged scam to suppress the vote. The fraudulent calls appeared to target identified non-Conservative voters.

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## EASTER-WEEKEND DRUG BUST

Sgt. Mark Patterson, left, and Sgt. Ken Bryden of the Ottawa police announce on Tuesday they will be filing criminal-organization charges against three people following a weekend drug raid that swept an estimated \$700,000 in drugs off the streets. Story, page 2.

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# 6 charged in gun, drug bust

**Project Apache.** Street gang linked to supply worth \$700K: Cops



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As children hunted for Easter eggs, Ottawa police brought in a haul of their own over the long weekend with a \$700,000 drug bust following a six-month investigation.

The culmination of a police operation dubbed Project Apache saw tactical teams raid three homes in the city from March 29 to April 1 to find two handguns (a .45 calibre Llama Max and Browning 9 mm), seven kilograms of powder cocaine, marijuana, oxycodone tablets and a stash of \$34,145.

Six people have been arrested in connection with the narcotics, which have a street value of \$700,000.

"The demand since my time in this business has been increasing yearly," Sgt. Ken Bryden said of cocaine in Ottawa. "It's unfortunately a citywide problem."

Many of the suspects grew up in the city's south end and

identify with the Crips street gang, said Sgt. Mark Patterson, who heads the Ottawa police guns-and-gangs unit.

Police said that surveillance teams tracked the crew as they travelled to Toronto to pick up their supply, and followed the dope all the way to its points of sale in Ottawa's suburbs and the downtown core.

More arrests are on the way, promised Patterson. "We're filing criminal-organization charges against three of the accused, which is the first time we've seen those charges in association with any gangs here in the city," he said.

Police said the firearms will be tested and the ballistics results will be sent to the Ontario Centre for Forensic Sciences in Toronto to be "uploaded into a system that compares the results to evidence gathered in other unsolved shootings and murders to see if there is a match."

"It's like cookies and milk, drugs and guns with our gang guys," said Patterson. "They're for protection of turf or intimidation."



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A Browning 9 mm handgun, top, a .45 calibre Llama Max and ammunition were among the seized items police showed reporters on Tuesday after a weekend bust that netted about \$700,000 worth of drugs. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

## Charges

- Adil Omer, 29, faces 12 charges including possession of a Schedule 1 substance for trafficking, failure to comply with the conditions of judicial release, altering the serial number on a firearm and participating in a criminal organization.
- Abdirahman Hussein, 27, is charged with one count of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and participating in a criminal organization.
- Abdullahi Egal, 21, is charged with possession

of a Schedule 1 substance for trafficking, failure to comply with the conditions of judicial release, altering the serial number on a firearm and participating in a criminal organization.

- Abdirahman Hussein, 27, is charged with one count of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and participating in

a criminal organization.

- Omar Alhamad, 21, and Jerome Nahulan, 21, are each charged with one count of possession of property obtained by crime exceeding \$5,000.
- Mohammed Nour, 20, is charged with one count of possession of a Schedule 1 substance for trafficking.

## City staff seeking more sponsorship cash

Ottawa city staff hope to improve on a low buy-in for private-sector sponsorship in 2012, the city's finance and economic development committee heard Tuesday.

Last year, the city's three-person sponsorship team drew in \$773,309 to municipal coffers, well below the target of \$3 million. But parks and

recreation general manager Dan Chenier expects a better performance in 2013, he told the committee, now that the department has gotten its "feet wet."

Mayor Jim Watson told reporters it's the responsibility of city staff to work harder to draw in more sponsorship dollars. He also said taxpay-

ers aren't on the hook for a consultant working with the department — he's not paid unless money comes in.

"There's a built-in incentive for the consultant to work," said Watson.

Naming rights in particular can be tricky, Watson said, with communities opposing slapping corporate names on

long-standing infrastructure. He said he doesn't think that will be the case for the re-developed Lansdowne Park, where the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group hopes to raise \$49 million over 30 years in naming rights alone.

"I think that's going to be probably (an) easier selling point because there are more

identifiable spots within that particular property," Watson told reporters.

"I do think it's optimistic, but I've talked to (OSEG) about that and they seem ... very bullish that they're going to be able to meet those goals. We'll certainly know in the next year."

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# All work and no play makes Jack a rich bus driver

**OC Transpo.** Want a six-figure salary? Can you drive?



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Six bus drivers with OC Transpo were able to crack Ontario's sunshine list of public-sector workers earning more than \$100,000 this year, but it's all hard work and dedication, said their union boss Tuesday.

"We all know them because they're at the garage, day in and day out," said Craig Watson, president of the Local 279 transit union. "They're the ones who volunteer to work all the statutory holidays."

The cap for a driver's pay rests at \$27 per hour for an average 40-hour workweek. That means most drivers make roughly \$56,160. Yet the top-paid driver managed to rake in \$111,814.89.

That's a lot of overtime

## Sunshine list

Bus operators who cracked \$100,000:

Manjit Sandhu. \$111,814  
Glenn Hilt. \$101,556  
Francois Danis. \$101,313  
Paul Charron. \$100,852  
Roseanna Caldwell. \$101,122  
Andre Alberti. \$102,430

and time-and-a-half.

Still, despite not needing any post-secondary education, bus drivers face stringent tests of their mettle to get behind the wheel of the public limo.

"There's a seven- or eight-step process to getting hired," said Watson.

One test to see how drivers multi-task, he said, includes counting backward from 300 by threes while a manager shouts directions at you.

"If you've just got out of high school you're not going to get a job driving a bus," Watson added, noting that in the most recent round of hiring for the position, the city sifted through 2,000 applications.



OC Transpo buses are seen stuck in a snowstorm on Bank Street near Belmont Avenue in this Feb. 27 photo. Drivers face stiff competition before getting hired and undergo stress tests during the application process. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

"Lots of people want to be bus drivers," he said, but it's not easy. "You're working split shifts and working all the weekends. Family life goes

down the tubes. It's 17 years before you get both days of the weekend off."

As drivers move up the ranks of seniority they get a

shot at better vacation time and shifts, but "if you've worked 37 years, you're getting paid the same as the guy who has been here two years."

## NCC calls for Ottawa-Gatineau transit merger

OC Transpo and Gatineau's Société de transport de l'Outaouais should "appear as one network" and operations should eventually merge, according to a study released by the National Capital Commission.

The interprovincial transit report, released Tuesday by the NCC, looks at transit needs

with a 2031 horizon. It calls for increased interoperability between OC Transpo and STO, including a dedicated connector route looping people between downtown cores on either side of the Ottawa River.

It also calls for the extension of the O-Train across the Prince of Wales Bridge into Hull or the Montcalm Rapibus Station, to

be eventually converted into light rail and connected to a north-south LRT line in Ottawa.

The ideas — and the report itself — seem to be non-starters, at least on this side of the river.

"To me, this report is just out of step with our own current planning documents and with our own objectives," said

Diane Deans, the chair of Ottawa's transit commission, who called the report "disappointing."

Deans said she was under the impression the report would look at feeding Ottawa's \$2.1-billion Confederation Line, reducing the number of STO buses in the downtown core.

The report noted requiring

interprovincial users to transfer from STO's planned Rapibus line to Ottawa's LRT would reduce transit demand.

The report also notes the need to plan for transit along a third east-west bridge crossing between the two provinces, calling it a "key component" to the interprovincial transit network. ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

## Ottawa's first year

### Expanded anti-smoking bylaw nets six tickets

The first year of an expanded anti-smoking bylaw in Ottawa has resulted in six tickets being issued and \$884 flowing into municipal coffers.

April marks the first full year of the bylaw, which expanded smoke-free zones in the city to 12,000 parks, 1,100 municipal properties, beaches, the ByWard and Parkdale markets and restaurant and bar patios.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

## Partnerships

### Committee OK's P3 policy

Ottawa's flagship municipal committee put their stamp of approval on rules for public-private partnerships (P3) Tuesday, formalizing the process city officials have been using for years.

The "new" P3 policy, which still needs full council approval, sets out in writing what city departments must do when approached by private partners with a pitch to provide services traditionally in the public sector's domain. The policy allows projects to be put to open tender, should there be competition in the market, but also retains the ability to sole-source.

"I'm fully supportive of us examining P3 examples, because they allow us to fast-track projects that normally we couldn't afford to move forward with," said Mayor Jim Watson, who chairs the finance and economic development committee.

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# Satire, singing take centre stage in new season at NAC

**National Arts Centre.**  
New English Theatre  
season set to debut  
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A riveting satire on the Enron scandal and an interactive, sing-along version of *The Sound of Music* are two of the productions arranged by artistic director Jillian Keiley for the National Arts Centre's 2013-2014 English Theatre season.

Dmitry Chepovetsky, known for his role on the Canadian TV series *ReGenesis*, will star alongside nine other cast members in the production, including three Ottawa-based actors.

"We really focused on finding our ensemble as our main focus and we had gathered



together a great group of singers and a great group of comedians," said Keiley.

Actor Andy Jones puts a twist on Moliere's comedy classic *Tartuffe* by adapting it to 1939 Newfoundland.

And Ottawa's Eliza-Jane Scott stars as Marie in the sing-along version of *The Sound of Music*.

Keiley says the Ottawa crowd might be interested in the provocative docudrama *Seeds* which depicts the four-year legal battle between Monsanto and Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser.

"It needs to be seen by the decision-makers in Ottawa,"



Actor Dmitry Chepovetsky, who starred in the Canadian TV series *ReGenesis*, will play the character of Jeff Skilling in a satire of the Enron scandal in the 2013-2014 season of the NAC's English Theatre production. JOE LOFARO/METRO

she said. "The political shows are shows that I'm hoping that are (for) people who are interested in intellectual debate."

The real-life story of American Lanier Phillips — the only black sailor to survive the 1942 shipwreck off a cove in St. Lawrence, Nfld. — is told by

Robert Chafe in *Oil and Water*. His life was turned around by the kindness of a white woman who took care of him.

"He became a civil-rights

activist because of it," said Keiley. "It was the first time in his life he realized that indeed he was not worth less than white people."

## Tech company helps homeowners control energy use



Ontario Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli, right, speaks with Energate employee Scott McKenzie about the company's new mobile app that lets consumers control their home energy use. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Ottawa-based Energate Inc. announced Tuesday consumers in Ontario who want to save on energy costs at home are now able to sign up for the company's mobile-ready, advanced smart-grid technology.

At the centre of the new technology is the energy management company's Foundation Smart Thermostat, which communicates with a smart meter outside the home.

There have been 4.9 million meters installed in Ontario, said Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli who toured Energate's office in Ottawa Tuesday.

The advanced thermostat can help manage energy use and have an air conditioner run at different levels based on the time of day.

Consumers who opt into the Consumer Engagement for the Smart Grid Program,

however, must qualify first. So homeowners who haven't lived at their address for at least two years or do not have central air conditioning can't apply.

The next phase of the technology will be the rollout of mobile applications for your smartphone and tablet.

Energate will engage consumers who use the apps in the third phase of the program to find out how the technol-

ogy works out for them. Up to 1,000 Ontario homes will be equipped with smart thermostats over the next several months, Bhargav said.

Chiarelli said smart-grid technology is a priority for the ministry and Ontario will be a worldwide leader in demand management. The province injected \$2.9 million into Energate's program last year.

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#### Pembina Institute

### Climate targets almost out of reach for Canada warns think-tank

The goals Canada set to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 2020 are almost out of reach unless the feds add \$3 to every \$70 barrel of crude to offset the environmental cost, said the Pembina Institute Tuesday.

The environmental group said the per-barrel levy could be used to pay for a technology fund that would help the pay to develop new ways of

reducing emissions.

"The oilsands is a huge part of the reason why Canada is not on track for its 2020 target," said Clare Demerse, director of federal policy with the Pembina Institute, an environmental think-tank. "The sector can take responsibility for its greenhouse-gas pollution for about \$3 a barrel that sells for about \$70."

Without a policy to regulate the industry in place, the country is on the road to reach 42 per cent more emissions than agreed to in the Copenhagen Accord in alignment with the U.S. The goal is 720 million tonnes of



Clare Demerse, director of federal policy with the Pembina Institute. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

carbon emissions by 2020, but current projections show Canada's off by 113 million tonnes. METRO

# North Korea keeps up tough talk, vows to restart nuclear reactor

**More bellicose rhetoric.** UN Secretary-General says North Korea 'on a collision course with the international community'

North Korea said Tuesday it will restart its shuttered plutonium reactor and increase production of nuclear weapons material, in what some see as its latest attempt to extract U.S. concessions by raising fears of war.

A spokesman for the North's General Department of Atomic Energy said scientists will quickly begin "readjusting and restarting" the facilities at its main Nyongbyon nuclear complex, including the plutonium reactor and a uranium enrichment plant. Both could produce fuel for nuclear weapons.

The announcement will



South Korean soldiers gather in the border city of Paju, north of Seoul, on Tuesday. North Korea vowed Tuesday to restart a nuclear reactor that can make one bomb's worth of plutonium a year, escalating tensions already raised by near daily warlike threats against the U.S. and South Korea. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

boost concerns in Washington about North Korea's timetable for building a nuclear missile that can reach the U.S., al-

though it is believed to be years away from that technology.

The nuclear vows and a rising tide of threats in recent

weeks are seen as efforts by the North to force disarmament-for-aid talks with Washington and to increase domestic loyal-

ty to young North Korean leader Kim Jong Un by portraying him as a powerful military commander. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Reactor history

### Nyongbyon nuclear complex

The reactor began operations in 1986, but was shut down as part of international disarmament talks in 2007 that have since stalled.

In 2008, North Korea destroyed the complex's cooling tower in a show of commitment, but the deal later stalled after the North balked at allowing international fact-checking of its nuclear activities. North Korea pulled out of the in April 2009.

Experts estimate it could take from three months to a year to reactivate the reactor. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Student says she was accused of being a sex worker by U.S. customs

**Three times.** UBC student alleges she was flagged for carrying condoms and lingerie



KATE WEBB  
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A UBC student who tried to go through U.S. customs three times last month while carrying condoms and sexy lingerie says she was interrogated for hours, accused of being a sex worker and warned she could be banned from the U.S. for five years.

Creative-writing student Clay Nikiforuk, 24, has asked that her real name be withheld. She said she was told she now needs a visa proving she has no intent to settle in the U.S. to cross the border.

Her ordeal started in early March. Alone, she boarded a

bus to Boston from Montreal, where she lives and is enrolled in distance education.

At the border crossing in Vermont, she said officers questioned her about eight or so condoms in her suitcase and about her undergarments.

Nikiforuk was eventually let through but didn't learn until later she had been flagged as a suspected prostitute.

On March 24, she was back in Montreal heading through U.S. customs on a flight to Aruba via Miami accompanied by a married man.

Nikiforuk said the man's wife knows about their affair.

She said as soon as she gave her passport to U.S. border control she was asked, "How much is he paying you to go on this trip?"

When she said he was not, she was berated for participating in adultery but let go.

When it was time to travel home from Aruba on March 27, she says U.S. customs in-

terrogated her for eight hours. When asked what, if not sex work, she does for a living, she said she is writing a book about sexual assault.

"He asked, 'Are you looking to be sexually assaulted?'" she said.

She alleges that after hours of interrogation, she was denied entry to the U.S., although her partner was not questioned. They spent \$900 each on plane tickets to Canada via Panama, plus paid for two extra nights in a hotel.

She admits she has been paid for some freelance modelling work in the U.S. but insists she was questioned in all three instances in March primarily on suspicion of being a sex worker.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Mike Milne said he cannot comment due to privacy laws, but that in general anyone coming into the U.S. frequently is assumed to be an intended immigrant.

## Legal checkup

### Suspicion is enough

Miami-based immigration lawyer Steve Goldstein said he's never heard of someone being barred from entering the U.S. solely because they were carrying condoms.

And he said he suspects there were likely other factors at play for the student, such as her website stating she does nude modelling and the fact she was traveling with a married man.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Mike Milne said suspicion of prostitution is enough to deny someone admission to the country under U.S. immigration law.

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Clay Nikiforuk, who asked that her real name be withheld, says she was interrogated by U.S. border agents for eight hours last week and denied a flight on suspicion of being a sex worker. SUBMITTED

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## Killed and dismembered. Victim's family hopes Jun Lin won't be forgotten

The mother of slain Chinese student Jun Lin says that 10 months after her son's killing she no longer wants to live.

The 33-year-old Lin was killed and dismembered last May in Montreal in a case talked about around the world.

Lin's family met with journalists Tuesday as the preliminary hearing for his accused killer, Luka Magnotta, is on break.

They wanted to honour Lin's memory ahead of the Qingming festival, a traditional date for families to commemorate ancestors and the deceased.

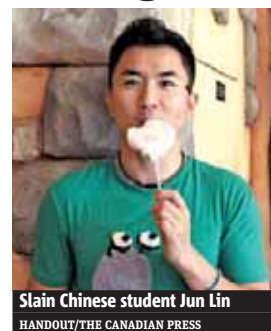
Speaking through an interpreter, Lin's mother, Zhigui Du, said she struggles daily.

"She said that before, she was full of hope. ... (She now has) no interest to live in this world," the interpreter said.

Lin's mother, father and sister travelled to Montreal to follow the court proceedings. The family's lawyer said they decided to meet with reporters to ensure Lin's memory does not get lost amid media interest in the suspect and the gruesome details of the case.

"They don't want their son to be a footnote in the CV of the accused," said attorney Daniel Urbas.

The victim's father, Diran



Slain Chinese student Jun Lin  
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Lin, recalled how his son worked in IT at Microsoft's Beijing office before moving to Canada to study computer engineering at Concordia University.

Urbas said Lin's parents called their son by the nickname "pistachio," meant to represent his tendency to burst with happiness and laughter.

The parents also gave insight into how their son's death has altered how people back home perceive Canada.

"Everybody said that Lin Jun should not have come," the interpreter said for Diran Lin. "Before, people around (the family) thought that Canada was a very, very safe place."

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## Kamloops, B.C.

### Alleged jail-sex voyeurs in court

A seven-day preliminary hearing is underway in a Kamloops, B.C., courtroom for three RCMP officers and a jail guard who are accused of watching two women having sex in a jail cell.

Cpl. Kenneth Brown and constables Evan Elgee and Stephen Zaharia are each charged with one count of breach of trust by a public officer in connection with the August 2010 incident. Jail guard David Tompkins faces a similar allegation.

The Crown alleges the four did not act when surveillance cameras at the Kamloops jail showed two drunken women engaging in a sex act.

Instead of intervening, the men are accused of calling their colleagues to watch, even though the women were likely too drunk to be able to consent to sex, and one had already told arresting officers she had HIV.

The RCMP officers remain suspended pending the outcome of the preliminary hearing and any possible trial.

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## Fallen from grace. Former priest pleads guilty to meth charges

A suspended U.S.-based Catholic priest accused of making more than \$300,000 in methamphetamine sales while running a sex shop pleaded guilty Tuesday to a federal drug charge.

Kevin Wallin, 61, admitted to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and was scheduled to be sentenced June 25. The prosecution and defence agreed on a sentence of 11 to 14 years in prison.

Prosecutors said Wal-

### Suspicious

Kevin Wallin was suspended from public ministry last May amid concerns by church officials about a number of problems, including sexually inappropriate behaviour with other men.

lin had meth mailed to him from California and sold the drugs out of his apartment last year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Gun debate

## Schools should arm staff members, says NRA report

Schools across the U.S. should train staff members to carry weapons and should each have armed security officers to make students safer and allow a quicker

response to an attack, the director of a National Rifle Association-sponsored study said Tuesday.

"The presence of an armed security personnel in a school adds a layer of security and diminishes the response time that is beneficial to the overall security," said former Republican Rep. Asa Hutchinson, who led the study. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# London pair's al-Qaida links stun community

## Killed in gas-plant siege. Ont. city's Muslim community calls for understanding, denounces terrorism as local ties to Algeria attack surface

Ali Medlej was a football player. "A big guy," as Darek Bishop puts it. "He was probably like six-foot-two, 250 pounds."

Xristos Katsiroubas was a "preppy kid" whose demeanor took a turn for the worse between his first and second years of high school.

"He started hanging out with shady people, and I saw him change," Bishop said. "He was talking different, his whole attitude changed."

It's been over five years since Bishop roamed the halls of a London, Ont., high school with Medlej and Katsiroubas. Now he — and many other

Londoners — are left wondering how two local boys could be part of an al-Qaida-led attack on an Algerian gas plant.

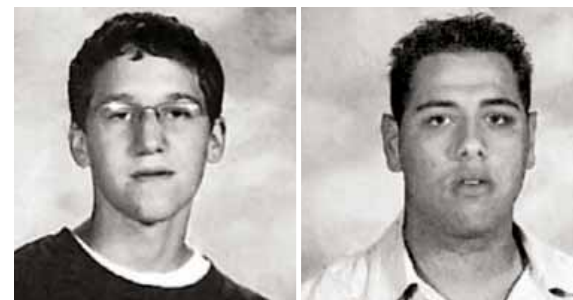
"I smoked cigarettes two feet away from (Katsiroubas)," said Bishop, now 23. "I didn't expect any of this to happen."

There were more questions than answers Tuesday after reports that Medlej and Katsiroubas were the two Canadians found dead at the plant, where terrorists led a four-day siege at the facility in January during which 38 hostages and 29 militants were killed.

Leaders of the Muslim community quickly denounced the terrorists' actions and called for greater understanding.

Dr. Munir El Kassem, of the Islamic Centre of South-west Ontario, and others said they didn't know Medlej or Katsiroubas, both of whom converted to Islam from other faiths while in their teens.

**ANGELA MULLINS/METRO**



Xristos Katsiroubas, left, and Ali Medlej are pictured in a 2005-06 London South Collegiate Institute yearbook. The high school friends were part of an al-Qaida-led terrorist attack in Algeria. **MARK SPOWART/METRO**

### At a glance

- Media reports indicate CSIS was asking questions about Medlej and Katsiroubas in 2007.
- Two others from the London area might have travelled to Algeria with Medlej and Katsiroubas, according to reports, but it isn't known if they were involved in the attack.
- Intelligence officials have said dozens of Canadians have ventured abroad, or tried to do so, to take part in violent operations.



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## Telemarketing. CRTC fines firms for robocalls

Canada's telecommunications regulator has fined two companies over their telemarketing practices. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance and Quick Connect Solutions both failed to get the consent of people they robocalled to promote their services.

The regulator's rules bar companies from using auto-diallers without the permission of the people being called. The CRTC fined Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance \$69,000 and Quick Connect Solutions \$11,000.

"We appreciate that Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance and Quick Connect Solutions fully co-operated with our investigation and committed to changing their telemarketing practices," CRTC chief compliance officer Andrea Rosen

### Who's exempt

- The CRTC's rules for robocalls do not apply to police and fire departments, schools and hospitals that are communicating a public-service message.
- Nor are registered political parties, nomination and leadership contestants or candidates barred from making robocalls.

said in a statement. "We will continue to work with telemarketers to ensure they are obeying the rules at all times. Canadians are encouraged to file a detailed complaint each time they receive an unwanted telemarketing call."

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## Privacy. Google policy faces legal action in 6 EU countries

Google's new privacy policy is under legal attack from regulators in its largest European markets, who want the company to overhaul practices they say let it create a data goldmine at the expense of unwitting users.

Led by the French, organizations in Britain, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain and Italy agreed Tuesday on the joint action, with the ultimate possibility of imposing fines or restrictions on operations across the entire 27-country European Union.

### Chump change

# \$390K

French privacy watchdog CNIL has the right to fine the company up to about \$390,000, approximately the amount Google earns in three minutes.

Last year the company merged 60 separate privacy policies from around the world into one universal procedure.

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### Economic crisis

## Cypriot finance minister resigns

Cypriot Finance Minister Michalis Sarris has resigned following the launch of a government investigation into how the country's economy nearly collapsed last month.

President Nicos Anasta-

siades has accepted Sarris's resignation. The minister has faced strong criticism for his handling of negotiations with Cyprus's international creditors.

Earlier Tuesday, Anastasiades appointed a panel of three former supreme court judges to investigate the country's plunge to the verge of bankruptcy.

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# Are fat fares fair?

## Pay-as-you-weigh. Samoa Air will charge passengers for baggage — and personal bulk

Samoa Air has become the first airline in the world to charge passengers by weight.

Instead of a flat rate per seat, the airline will charge passengers a fixed price per kilogram, with the price varying depending on the route.

The pay-as-you-weigh system was announced on the airline's website. "We at Samoa Air are keeping airfares fair, by charging our passengers only for what they weigh. You are the master of your Air 'fair,' you decide how much (or little) your ticket will cost.

"No more exorbitant excess baggage fees, or being charged for baggage you may not carry. Your weight plus your baggage items, is what you pay for. Simple."

The airline posted the news on its Facebook page, getting mixed reaction. Some liked the idea, while Gus Crichton was among those who rejected such a plan. "What? I have to give up my body building career so I can get a cheaper fare? Fat chance," he wrote.

Another dissenter, Guvanch Meredov, called it "immoral and discriminating." Another suggested this policy is like asking people with bigger feet to pay extra for bigger shoes.

The airline's chief executive Chris Langton told ABC radio he believes it is the fairest system for charging passengers.

### Passenger poundage

"Anyone who travels at times has felt they have been paying for half of the passenger next to them."

Chris Langton, CEO of Samoa Air

"Anyone who travels at times has felt they have been paying for half of the passenger next to them," he said.

"This is the fairest way of travelling. The people who have been most pleasantly surprised are families because we don't charge on the seat requirement even though a child is required to have a seat. We just weigh them." Langton said a family with two adults and two mid-sized children will now be able to travel at less cost than before.

The fee structure will include your personal weight and your baggage. "There are no extra fees in terms of excess baggage or anything — it is just a kilo is a kilo is a kilo."

Customers will be asked to post their estimated personal weight and weight of their baggage on a booking form on the airline's website.

The website says that passengers can prepay your "guesstimate" weight, "guaranteeing you that much weight is allocated to you for that flight. Take as many or as few bags as you wish — and avoid the exorbitant excess baggage fees." At the airport, passengers will be weighed along with their luggage.

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Pay-as-you-weigh airfares are unlikely to come to Canada because of human-rights legislation and other legal issues. GETTY IMAGES FILE

### Record unemployment

## Eurozone jobless rate hits 12%

The eurozone economy has passed another bleak milestone. Official figures Tuesday showed that unemployment across the 17 European Union countries that use the euro has struck 12 per cent for the first

time since the currency was launched in 1999. Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, said the rate in February was unchanged at the record high after January's figure was revised up to 12 per cent from 11.9 per cent.

Spain and Greece have mass unemployment and many other countries are seeing their numbers swell.

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## Social chatter. Facebook grouching never gets old

Has Facebook become less fun? That's something many users — especially those in their teens and early 20s — are asking themselves as they wade through endless posts, photos "liked" by people they barely know and spur-of-the-moment friend requests. Has it all become too much of a chore? Are the important life events of your closest loved ones drowning in a sea of banana-slicer jokes?

"When I first got Facebook I literally thought it was the coolest thing to have. If you had a Facebook you kind of fit in better, because other people had one," says Rachel Fernandez, 18, who first signed on to the site four or five years ago.

And now? "Facebook got

kind of boring," she says.

Chatter about Facebook's demise never seems to die down, whether it's talk of "Facebook fatigue," or grouching about how the social network lost its cool once grandma joined.

The Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project recently found that some 61 per cent of Facebook users had taken a hiatus from the site for reasons that range from "too much gossip and drama" to "boredom." Some respondents said there simply isn't enough time in their day for Facebook.

But so far, for every person who has left permanently, several new people have joined up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# IT'S ALL COMING UP WIKI

There's a game I like to play with myself.  
No, not that game.

It's a game called "If I time-travelled to today from the year I was born, what about the future would most blow my mind?"

Never mind when I was born. You just need to know it was long ago and far away.

There are lots of candidates: the microwave oven, the smartphone, the car that parks itself, drones, ebooks, the International Space Station, will.i.am, The Bachelorette.

But how about Wikipedia?

All the knowledge of the world at your fingertips. Over 22 million articles in 285 languages, 4.2 million in English alone.

Wikipedia has only been around since 2001, and already it's solved the stupid dinner-party argument. Now, instead of a long, boring argument, there's a moment of silence as everyone (let's be honest, just the guys) finds the answer on Wikipedia.



JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan

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While it takes all the fun out of being a know-it-all — now anyone can be a know-it-all — it cuts down on relationship wear and tear.

"I can't believe you allowed that fathead Charles to bait you like that. Just let it go. Who cares what the national bird of Argentina is?"

"I care. It's the Rufous Hornero."

That was then. Now, in the future, the Rufous Hornero and other contentious beasts are at your fingertips, in a Wikipedia article called National Animals.

They don't call it wiki ("quick" in Hawaiian) pedia (for "encyclopedia") for nothing.

As you probably know, Wikipedia is written and edited by mostly anonymous people who do it for nothing. They are constantly

working away on this global treasure, editing and updating the articles 24/7.

So far, there have been more than 600 million edits. Talk about a peer review. And April is contributors' month in Canada,

when Wikipedia nerds organize workshops designed to make articles better. Sign me up for the Rufous Hornero session.

Of course, Wikipedia has its detractors. Despite its strict policy of neutrality, some people think they see biases. But those are the people who see biases everywhere (See Wikipedia: Noam Chomsky). Others are concerned that relying on reliable sources breeds orthodoxy.

Imagine what they'd say if Wikipedia switched to unreliable sources.

In one lifetime, we've gone from a world where only a few wealthy nations had access to the world's knowledge, and even that required access to a good reference library. Now, instead of a library, all you need is a smartphone. Instead of a librarian telling you to shush! you can ask Wikipedia. Yell if you like.

This year it's expected that smartphones account for 70 per cent of the mobile-device market in the U.S. (Wikipedia: smartphone). I'm not sure what happens when all that knowledge gets around, as even a little learning is a dangerous thing.

There's another term for Wikipedia. It's called Pandora's Box. Look it up. You know where.

## ZOOM

### A canyon of colours

#### Photography art that's a snap

This image looks as if it was taken in a fantastical canyon on some alien planet. In truth, it's an amazing picture of Arizona's Antelope Canyon taken by amateur photographer Gregory Boratyn.

The 42-year-old software engineer from San Diego has shown the popular geological wonder in a new light thanks to clever use of photo software.

"First, I decided to make them monochrome," said Boratyn.

"The place in the summertime is quite cold, so instead of black and white I decided to go with blue and black to emphasize the coldness of the rock and the place itself. The colours of red, orange and blue are called complementary and they made the image more pleasant to human eyes, which was my intention."

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#### It lens itself to admiration

- Photography software used to enhance the canyon's textures: Nik Silver Efex Pro 2, Viveza 2, Adobe Photoshop CS6.



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Ready to make the leap from fledgling sophisticated patron of the arts to bona fide sophisticated patron of the arts? Help yourself along with these entry-level primers on classical music and opera.

#### Opera Five

The Toronto-based collective's cheeky Opera Cheats series strips away the more intimidating aspects of opera to reveal the murder and adultery that's been entertaining us for centuries. (youtube.com/operafive)

#### CDZA

Classical musicians woo new fans with cool experiments such as a piece based entirely on classic ringtones or a pop medley that showcases key changes. Occasional cross-dressing and sax-playing dinosaurs keep things lively. (cdzamusic.com)



#### Twitter

@metropicks asked: Did you know it takes a 22-km walk to burn off a Big Mac meal? What food would you walk 22 km for?

@MR\_BF7: That does not include the GREASE!

@JessicaSquibb: tub of coconut oil. Weird?

@bexbz: Literally nothing

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#### Comments

RE: Freezing Weather Wipes Out German Flea Circus, published March 31

A day early, folks a day early. Myworkisdonehere posted to metronews.ca

RE: Americans Furious Over Google's Easter 'Doodle', published March 31

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## Ceremony

## Elton John and partner to be celebrated

Elton John and his long-time songwriting partner, Bernie Taupin, will be honoured at this year's Songwriters Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

John and Taupin, who teamed on most of the singer's best-known hits, will receive the Johnny Mercer Award during the June 13 ceremony in New York.



Elton John  
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## Video

## Leno and Fallon poke fun at Late Night rumours

Jay Leno and Jimmy Fallon poked fun at the late-night rumours swirling around them in a music video that aired between their back-to-back NBC shows Monday night.

In a spoof of the romantic ballad *Tonight from West Side Story*, Leno, who was backstage at the *Tonight* show on the West Coast, and Fallon, in his *Late Night* office in Manhattan, serenaded each other by cellphone.

## Internet concert

## Buscemi taking lead role for online concert

Steve Buscemi will direct a live stream of a Vampire Weekend concert to debut a new season of *Unstaged*.

The stream will launch the fourth season of *American Express Unstaged*, an online series that pairs notable directors with popular music acts.

Vampire Weekend's concert at the Roseland Ballroom on April 28 will stream live on VEVO and YouTube.

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Jane Levy stars in the latest instalment of *Evil Dead*, which opens this weekend. HANDOUT

# What could go wrong at a remote cabin? Lots

**Horror films.** *Evil Dead* returns this weekend, bringing a fresh take on the genre that has seen lots of clueless, pretty people killed over the years

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Are there any more frightening words in a horror movie synopsis than “five friends head to a remote cabin?”

That phrase has been the starting point for many scary scripts, conjuring up visions of ancient evil life forms, dangerous hillbilly types, mysterious incantations and lines like, “No matter what, we have to stay together.”

The cabin-in-the-woods genre is decades old, but almost always follows the same formula: five good-looking teens, say, a jock, a stoner, some hot girls, one a brainiac, and a party girl go to a cabin, and only one or two make it home.



The *Evil Dead* series, which perfected the cabin-in-the-woods genre, developed a huge following. HANDOUT

This weekend's *Evil Dead* shakes up the formula to an extent.

In it some handsome people head to an isolated cottage not to drink and party but to help Mia (Jane Levy) kick her addiction to drugs.

The details are different, but the outcome — and this isn't a spoiler, just a statement of fact — is the same and that's what we like about the genre.

The most well loved cabin

movie that is equal parts silly and scary.

Eli Roth made his directorial debut with *Cabin Fever*, a movie inspired by real life events.

The idea for a film about a group of friends in a (you guessed it!) cabin in the woods, tormented by a flesh-eating virus and homicidal townsfolk, came to him as he worked on a horse farm.

“I was cleaning hay out of this barn and got this infection on my face,” he says.

The rash got so bad that, “I went to shave and I literally shaved a third of my face off.”

It hurt, but he looked at the bright side.

“I thought, ‘This is actually going make a great movie one day.’”

Sleepaway Camp — ignore the sequels, although the number two's title *Unhappy Campers* is pretty great — sets the action at a summer camp. This gory slasher flick is most notable for a wild twist ending that has been called a “jaw-dropping, tape-rewinding, pause-and-stare-and-call-your-friends-over-to-stare” moment.

in the woods movies must be the first two Sam Raimi *Evil Dead* films.

The original, and name-sake of the series, was actually shot in a real life abandoned cottage.

In it five friends go to a cabin in the woods (sound familiar?), discover a *Book of the Dead* and unleash flesh-possessing demons.

It made a star of Bruce Campbell and led to a sequel, *Evil Dead II*, another cabin





Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Lohan gets in on the April Fools' Day pranks

Lindsay Lohan made a very last-minute decision to continue her adventures in Brazil this week, making her way to the São Paulo airport for a flight back to New York only to opt out of getting on the plane, according to E! News.

While her manager took the flight as planned, Lohan reportedly checked herself into the Emílio Hotel alone with a female friend.

"She's staying on her own dime," a source says. "She is staying against everyone's

advice."

Lohan's promotional trip to Brazil for a denim company was to be followed by a quick trip to NYC before heading to L.A. for the Coachella Music Festival and then 90 days of court-ordered rehab.

The extended vacation also gave Lohan a chance to get in on the fun of pulling an April Fools' prank on her Twitter followers, posting, "It's official. Pregnant..." and drawing a flood of shocked reactions.



Olivier Martinez

## Olivier Martinez gets into fight with photogs

Halle Berry and fiancé Olivier Martinez had a pretty rough homecoming after their Hawaiian vacation when Martinez got into a bit of a scuffle with paparazzi outside LAX, according to TMZ.

Martinez allegedly kicked a photographer in the leg and wrist as he, Berry and Berry's daughter, Nahla, at-

tempted to exit the airport, with Berry reportedly imploring the swarm of shutterbugs, "Get away, there's a child."

Once Nahla was safely in their waiting SUV, Martinez reportedly stormed back to kick the photographer again before being pulled away by Berry.

### The Word

## What's lower than scamming kids with cancer?



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Oh man. This is not good. I mean, in the spectrum of "not good things," this ranks pretty much at the top: Lamar Odom and wife Khloe Kardashian's charity for kids with cancer looks like a scam.

That's right, they are fleecing kids with cancer.

The only thing worse than scamming kids with



cancer? Scamming kids with AIDS. That's it. There's nothing worse. (OK, maybe scamming orphans with AIDS and/or cancer, but that's really it.)

A new report by ESPN (and this marks the first time ESPN has been mentioned in this column) says that Odom's charity, Cathy's Kids, which started in 2004 in honour of Odom's mother who died from stomach cancer, has raised \$2.2 million, but not one cent has gone to cancer-

related causes.

Instead, it seems like the money has gone to two things: the charity's executive, Jerry DeGregorio, who happened to be the best man in Kardashian's and Odom's wedding, and two elite youth basketball travel teams. It's important to note that none of the kids in the "elite basketball team" seem to be battling cancer in between games.

When approached by ESPN, Odom brushed off the allegations with, "It's my money."

Actually, if you raise \$2.2 million by having people donate their cash to help children with cancer, it's not your money. I swear. Do I have to go to Hollywood myself to teach these people how to act?



Justin Bieber

## Justin Bieber's pals living it up at his place

It turns out Justin Bieber doesn't even have to be home to show his friends a good time. According to E! News, about four male pals have been crashing at Bieber's L.A. area home and throwing some pretty raucous parties in his absence, and the neighbours are taking notice.

"They probably complain because when people come up, there are like 20 cars. That was a crazy party," a source says.

The house guests living it up while Bieber continues his tour include rappers Lil Twist and King Kevi.



John Mayer

## Mayer declines to discuss relationship

John Mayer seems to have turned over a new leaf when it comes to dishing on ex-girlfriends, as in a recent interview with Ellen DeGeneres he did not rise to her attempts to discuss his recent split from Katy Perry.

"It was a very private relationship going in, it was a private relationship during and it's a private relationship still," Mayer said. "I can understand asking the question based on some previous answers I have given, but I have finally learned how to put the wall between one thing and the other."

The best DeGeneres could glean from the singer was a rather vague, "I'm on the same journey as everyone else."

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# St. Maarten — the place to sip, shop and sun yourself

**Island time.** Pristine beaches, frosty rum drinks and plenty of shopping make this the place of cubicle dreams

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St. Maarten, a 60-square-kilometre island, boasts beach after beach, most framed by mountains. And these many waterfronts are put to good use with bars plopped on the water and multiple marinas. St. Maarten fulfils cubicle fantasies: crisp white sailboats against azure waters, fresh and flavourful



Philipsburg is a must-visit site for shopaholics. ISTOCK

seafood and imaginative rum drinks. But the island, which is half Dutch and half French, also has a bonanza of different cultures, shown by more than 360 restaurants in surprising variety. So whether you're stopping over before sailing on to nearby St. Barths or St. Kitts

or staying for a while, here's where to shop, sip and sun.

**For filling your suitcase** Philipsburg, the capital on the Dutch side, is a must-visit for the island's legendary duty-free shopping. Stroll along the winding narrow

roads and pop into the numerous jewelry and watch stores. Also a must-see? The Guavaberry Emporium, built in an old cedar house, where you can sample not only the berry liqueur but also a guava colada. The fruit has a mild, unusual sweetness. This shop is also a great place to pick up gifts, like rum bottles with colourful hand-painted sunsets and parrots.

**For Caribbean blue skies and seas** Sailing aficionados should schedule their visit during the annual Heineken Regatta, where sailboats race around the island, creating picture-perfect views of colourful, billowing sails dotting royal-blue water. The

event promises "serious fun" with parties every night, visitors and locals dancing the night away in flip flops on the sand. Even if you can't sail, make sure to get out on the water — the ocean is so clear, if you jump in, you can see your toes. Even that doesn't impress locals — clear to them means seeing the bottom.

## Where to stay

The Sonesta Maho Beach Resort and Casino, undergoing a \$3 million renovation, is ideal for travellers who want a sea breeze and tropical drink 10 minutes after landing. The hotel is within walking distance to multiple restaurants, although it is all-inclusive, covering all your meals and rum punches.

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## Travel tips

## Looking for adventure?



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Nervous to go on an adventure holiday? I would never describe myself as an adrenaline junkie, but on a recent trip to New Zealand I crawled around darkened caves lit only by fluorescent worms, jumped 15,000 feet out of a plane, swam with dolphins in the wild ... and loved it.

As evidenced by my experience, it's not necessary to be a macho 20-something guy to go on an adventure holiday. In fact, the majority of travellers with adventure travel companies are actually women who are of an average age of 38 (though there are many in their 60s or older).

Another misconception is that you must be fighting fit, as you will be cycling the Kalahari Desert or snowshoeing to the North Pole. On the contrary, if you push

yourself, even a little, outside of your regular comfort zone you are a certified adventure traveller! It could be a walking tour of Tuscany or making wine in South Africa. Additionally, it is not mandatory to go off the grid and be away for a month to be credible. Many itineraries are as short as 24 to 48 hours and make for a great mini-break from your daily routine or can be stitched into a longer holiday. If your interest is piqued, there are a few things to bear in mind as you weave some adventure into your next vacation:

-Be realistic about your fitness level.

-Go outside your comfort zone but don't freak yourself out.

-Be flexible. It is hard to plan every detail, so expect the unexpected especially when it comes to the weather.

-Read all waivers before signing and ensure you are properly protected.

-Always go with trained and properly certified professionals. Look for an official endorsement on the company's website.



Inject a little adventure in your holiday. PETER REMUS

## Room with a view. Prague TV tower boasts unique hotel option

A tall television tower in the Czech capital of Prague that has been called one of the world's ugliest buildings has a new and unique attraction, a one-room hotel looking out on the city from 70 metres above ground.

But some might argue the best thing about the view is that you don't have to look at the tower itself. The tower, which stands 216 metres tall, is a dominant but controversial landmark of the city skyline.

Prague is sometimes called the city of 100 spires, but the tower stands out amid the picturesque cityscape of centuries-old churches and other historic sites. It's the city's tallest building, at the equivalent of about 70 stories high, and it was a despised symbol of the communist regime that started building it in 1985. Locals have gradually come to accept it since its completion in 1992, but a 2009 international survey placed it second among the ugliest buildings in the world.

The tower already features



The Zizkov TV tower in Prague.  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

a restaurant and observation deck offering a breathtaking view of the city, but a recent, thorough renovation of the spire added the hotel room.

The room is considered so luxurious that it's being advertised as six stars. It opened Feb. 13 and is available for \$1,300 a night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# Rich flavours from roasted acorn squash team up with maple syrup

1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Brush cut side of squash with maple syrup and place cut side down on a baking sheet lightly coated with 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Bake 45 minutes or until tender. Allow to cool, then scrape out the squash flesh and set aside.

3. In a 4-litre (4-quart) saucepan, heat remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, carrot and apple. Cook for 5 minutes, then reduce heat to low and cover. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft.

4. Add the cooked squash, 1 litre (4 cups) broth, thyme, and nutmeg. Simmer for 20 minutes. Allow to cool.

5. Once the mixture has

## Ingredients

- 2 acorn squash, halved and seeded
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) maple syrup
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1 small Granny Smith apple, peeled and chopped
- 1 l (4 cups) chicken broth, plus 250 ml (1 cup) for thinning
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground thyme
- Pinch of nutmeg
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh lemon juice
- Diced apple and fresh chives for garnish

## Roasted Acorn Squash Soup



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

cooled, blend (in two batches) in food processor or blender until smooth.

Reheat soup and season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper. Stir in fresh

lemon juice and add more broth if soup is too thick. Garnish with apple and

chives.

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## Drink of the Week

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Indulge your senses with this contemporary blend of smooth flavours of almond syrup, lemon juice, lavender bitters and more.

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- 3 dashes lavender bitters
- 1/4 oz egg white
- Soda top

Dry shake ingredients then shake with ice and fine strain into a highball glass. Top with soda. Garnish with a lavender stalk.

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# Traditional Italian dessert gets unique Canadian twist

Tiramisu becomes Maple Tiramisu in this Canadian version of the Italian favourite.

1. In a bowl, mix together the espresso and 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the maple syrup, then add the liqueur and dried fruit. Set aside.

2. In bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form.

3. In another large bowl, beat the mascarpone, egg yolks, vanilla and remaining maple syrup. Then, carefully fold into the egg whites using a spatula.

4. Place 6 cookies in the bottom of a 3-l (12-cup) glass dish, then pour half of the dried fruit and coffee mixture evenly over the top. Sprinkle half of the nuts and spread half the mascarpone filling on top. Repeat to create a second layer.

5. Refrigerate for at least 6 hours, then sprinkle with cocoa and maple sugar before serving.

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## Ingredients

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) hot espresso coffee
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) maple syrup
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) liqueur (such as Triple Sec or Amaretto)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) raisins
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cranberries
- 6 eggs, separated
- 2 475-g tubs of mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla extract
- 12 ladyfinger cookies, broken in half
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) walnuts, grilled and chopped (optional)
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) cocoa powder
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) maple sugar (or maple flakes)



This recipe serves 12. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

## Dinner. Maple Salmon Fillet with Chives



This recipe also works well with swordfish, trout or tilapia and is ideal for the barbecue or grill. For grilling, fish that has firm flesh is best.

1. Preheat barbecue or grill on medium heat.

2. Cut salmon fillet into 4 equal parts.

3. In a bowl, combine chives, garlic, olive oil, maple syrup, soy sauce and lemon juice. Season well with salt and pepper. Baste salmon with marinade and refrigerate for 15 minutes, then grill for 3 to 4 minutes on each side (or until desired doneness).

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## Ingredients

- 1 680-g (1 1/2 -lb) salmon fillet
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chives, chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) maple syrup
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt and pepper, to taste

# Not all interviews created equal

## So what's your type?

Whether it's in-person, in a group or on the phone, you'll know how to impress with these insider tips

**SHAHEERAH KAYANI**

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So you've done the hard work of sending in your application for that dream internship, perfecting your resumé, creating that awesome cover letter, sending in your transcript. And you've been chosen for an interview. Yay!

Now comes the time to prepare and brush up on your interview skills.

One of the things you need to consider is what type of interview it is?

Read below for the three main types of interviews to see what employers are looking for in each type and



Standing out in a group interview setting is a matter of knowing what to say and when to speak up. ISTOCK

what you can do to ace the interview.

### One-on-one interview

This is the most common type.

### What the employer is seeking

It involves you and the interviewer having a one-on-one chat about why you've applied for the position, discussing your qualifications

and past experiences and assessing your skills to see if you are a good fit for the employer.

### What you should do

- Always bring a copy of your resumé with you to the interview and know what is on your resumé inside and out.

- When the interviewer asks you questions, you will need to refer to specific examples from your resumé and highlight what skills and strengths you developed from those experiences, as well as both the positive and negative aspects of your previous employment and how you dealt with them.

- You will also use your past experiences to talk about a weakness you may have, but make sure to emphasize how you are working to improve on those weaknesses.

### Group Interview

This involves you and a few other job seekers who have applied for the same position or department as you. The employer will interview all of you simultaneously to see if you would work well in a team environment with your co-workers.

### What the employer is seeking

- In this type of interview, the employer wants to assess your ability to work as part of a team by seeing you in action.

- The employer will judge you based on how you well you interact with the other applicants and your contributions to the interview discussion.

### What you should do:

- Greet the other applicants and introduce yourself.
- Don't interrupt other applicants when they're talking but feel free to contribute to

### Study up!

Regardless of what type of interview it is, the key to acing it is practise, practise, practise!

- Consider checking in with your school's career service department to see if they offer mock interview, resumé critiques, and other interview help.

others' answers.

- Know what your own personal strength is when working in a team, and showcase that role well.

### Telephone Interview

Based on your availability and time or location constraints, the employer may decide to interview you on the phone.

### What the employer is seeking

- The employer will want to hear a clear, vibrant voice.
- He/she will be testing your ability to think on the spot and articulate your answers.

### What you should do

- Firstly, schedule a phone call for a time when you know you for sure that you will be available.
- Again, have your resumé in front of you so that you can be ready to answer questions.
- Don't rush your answers, but instead take the time to form clear responses.
- Keep a calendar/agenda handy, so that you can take down important notes.

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# You can't fail with a little bit of mail

**You've got the write stuff.** Sending a grateful note post-interview can add a charming point in your favour

LEAH RUEHLICKE  
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Your resumé was flawless. Your cover letter impressed. You aced the interview. Now there's nothing left to do but wait. Right?

Wrong. According to an Accountemps survey, 66 per cent of HR managers say it's beneficial to one's job search to send a thank you note after the job interview.

Raffi Toughlouian, division director of Accountemps, says a thank you note is "a good vehicle for you to reiterate your interest in a potential position, as well as reference back to specific points in the conversation that were of interest to both



When writing your thank you note, use an enthusiastic tone and keep all the content positive. ISTOCK

you and the interviewer."

Thus, a quick "thanks" not only allows you to showcase your manners, but once again gives you the chance to try and nab a position.

**How to write a good thank you note**

Toughlouian offers the following advice for students and recent grads who are whipping up a note of gratitude:

- Keep it brief and concise
- Provide a brief recap of the skills you can bring to the job
- Be specific by highlighting key conversation points that stood out to you
- Time is of the essence: thank you notes should be sent out within 24 hours of the interview

**Should you send a thank you note by email or snail mail?**

"I still think there's a bit of charm to a handwritten note," Toughlouian says, "but in this day and age email just makes the most sense."

Sometimes in an interview there will be a business card exchange, which is a good indicator that email is an acceptable form of communication.

In fact, more than two thirds of HR managers say they prefer email, while 48 per cent say they'd still ap-

preciate a handwritten note. "[Email] is also the least intrusive method of communication," Toughlouian

adds. Not only that, but it ensures the message will actually get to the recipient.

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Team USA goalie Jessie Vetter makes a save on Canadian forward Hayley Wickenheiser on Tuesday night in Ottawa. Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for results from Canada's tournament opener. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ottawa '90 inspires Canadian women

**Women's world hockey championship.** Team Canada opens tourney against rivals U.S. on Tuesday in Ottawa

For those on the Canadian women's hockey team old enough to remember the first world women's hockey championship in 1990, it was a light-bulb moment in their lives.

Ottawa was the host city of the first women's world championship sanctioned by the International Ice Hockey Federation 23 years ago. The tournament has returned to that city, and Canada opens its championship defence against the U.S. on Tuesday at SBP Arena.

Six players on Canada's 2013 world championship team weren't born yet in 1990. But

## Quoted

**"I felt like I was a girl playing a boy's sport."**

Jayna Hefford, assistant captain for Team Canada, on growing up playing hockey in Kingston, Ont.

current captain Hayley Wickenheiser and her assistants Jayna Hefford and Caroline Ouellette were pre-teens.

An 11-year-old Wickenheiser was playing boys hockey in Calgary with the double-A bantam Northwest Bruins. Ouellette, 10, was also playing on a boys minor hockey team in Montreal. Hefford, 12, played for the Kingston Kodiaks girls hockey club.

"I didn't even know girls played hockey until I watched the 1990 worlds," says Wickenheiser, now 34.

"It made me feel validated,



Susana Yuen is hoisted by her teammates after Canada's win over the U.S. in the 1990 women's world hockey championships in Ottawa.

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that what I was doing was important and was OK because for so much of my childhood, all I was told was how I didn't belong. It felt like finally I belonged and there was 10,000

people there to prove it."

The Canadian team, coached by Dave McMaster, beat the U.S. 5-2 in the final to win gold at the Ottawa Civic Centre. Vicky Sunohara, one of the members of that 1990 team, played for Canada up until the 2007 world championships in Winnipeg.

Another 1990 player, defender Geraldine Heaney, is currently coaching her daughter Shannon in the Ontario Women's Hockey Association championships in Ottawa, which coincide with the women's world tournament.

"I'm happy the Ontario provincial girls hockey tournament is on at the same time," Ouellette says. "That's what we need. We need to let them come see they can dream to be in the Olympics, they can dream to be on the national team and actually see us."

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## NHL

### Slumping Stars clearly rebuilding

The Dallas Stars on Tuesday traded 41-year Jaromir Jagr to Boston and sent surging centre Derek Roy to Vancouver.

The moves came a day after a 4-0 loss to Anaheim, a team the Stars play twice more this week. Dallas is 12th in the Western Conference with 13 games left, and on track to miss the playoffs for the fifth year in a row. Dallas got two young prospects and a conditional second-round pick from Boston, and a 23-year-old defenceman and a second-round pick from Vancouver.

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## UEFA

### Messi limps off in quarterfinal against PSG

Lionel Messi scored and injured a hamstring, and Barcelona was held to a 2-2 tie by Paris Saint-Germain in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal on Tuesday night when Blaise Matuidi scored for the hosts on the last kick of the game.

Messi's 38th-minute goal was his 57th of the season and the 59th of his career in the Champions League. Barcelona said Messi will undergo tests Wednesday on his right hamstring.

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## MLB

**"What they've got to do is just go out there and try to relax**

**as much as possible and trust their teammates."**

Blue Jays legend Joe Carter on what the 2013 Toronto team must do to be successful. The new-look Jays opened their season on Tuesday in Toronto against Cleveland.

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# Wounded Sens need time, not trades: GM

## Trade deadline.

Team hopes potential new acquisitions won't disrupt chemistry

With his team holding a playoff spot and key players ready to return from injury, Ottawa Senators general manager Bryan Murray doesn't anticipate being very busy at the trade deadline.

That's not to say Murray won't look into making a move, but it's unlikely he will make any significant changes to his team's roster.

"I know we're not doing much of anything," Murray said. "I keep watching the team and I'm fairly happy with our young people the way they've played, in the middle in particular. If something comes up that's of interest we'll certainly explore it, but at the moment I don't think we're going to be driven by the fact that one player is out."

The Senators are currently without forwards Jason Spezza (back) and Milan Michalek (knee), defencemen Jared Cowen (hip) and Erik Karlsson (Achilles), and goalie Craig Anderson (ankle).



Marc Methot of the Senators talks to goalie Craig Anderson as he lies on the ice after being injured in a game in Ottawa against the Rangers on Feb. 21. The Senators hope that Anderson, one of the hottest goalies in the league up until his injury, will return later this week. JANA CHYTILOVA/FREESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY/GETTY IMAGES

lek (knee), defencemen Jared Cowen (hip) and Erik Karlsson (Achilles), and goalie Craig Anderson (ankle).

The team is hopeful Michalek and Anderson will return at some point on their upcoming

seven-game, 15-day road trip. Cowen is hoping to make it back into the lineup before the end of the regular season. Spezza could return during the playoffs and Karlsson is a long shot at best.

Murray says he has no desire to trade away young prospects for a short-term gain despite the team's current success.

A more likely scenario would see centre Peter Regin or defenceman Mike Lundin

potentially moved. Both are set to become unrestricted free agents come July and both often find themselves on the outside looking in.

"We have a lot of young guys to come still," Murray said.

## Between the pipes

With three goaltenders on its roster the Senators could look into trading Ben Bishop, but considering Anderson has yet to play a game since suffering a high ankle sprain just over a month ago, that scenario seems unlikely.

- When asked if he felt any pressure to move Bishop, Murray said "absolutely not." Once Anderson is ready to return it appears Robin Lehner would be sent back to the AHL as he is on a two-way contract.

- "I think we've got a great scenario," Murray said. "We've got two young guys and a more veteran guy."

"We're not going to do anything ... that's going to affect that and we think the performance will be better when we get all of our own guys back and playing."

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## Will Ottawa benefit from a veteran talent?



THE HOCKEY NEWS  
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Senators GM Bryan Murray enters Wednesday's trade deadline with a dilemma. With the club sitting comfortably in playoff position, will Murray roll with the current lineup or risk disrupting team chemistry by adding veteran presence?

With apologies to the Blackhawks, the Senators are the envy of the NHL. On most nights coach Paul MacLean deploys a lineup containing at least eight players who opened the campaign in AHL Binghamton. Rookies Jakob Silfverberg, Patrick Wiercioch and Mika Zibanejad have combined for fewer than 100 NHL games.

Furthermore, extraordinary depth has allowed the Senators to withstand the losses of a Norris Trophy-winning defenceman, a shut-down blue-liner, and last season's top point-getter and leading goal-scorer — not to mention the league's current No.1-ranked netminder.

And the news is promising



Rookies like Patrick Wiercioch have filled in admirably for injured Senators. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

on the injury front. Anderson will return to the crease later this week and Michalek is seven to 14 days away. Spezza is a possibility to open the playoffs, though he hasn't started skating. The best news may involve Cowen. Originally slated to miss the entire campaign after hip surgery, the sophomore D-man says he will be ready to start the post-season.

No one will blame the Sens

GM if he chooses to keep this roster intact.

So why would the Senators GM elect to acquire veteran help? Murray has an obligation to fans and ownership to field the most competitive team possible.

There are several "what ifs?" involved. What if the returnees aren't up to speed? What if there are additional injuries? And what if the youngsters suffer stage fright in the post-season? It is not uncommon for freshmen to disappear in the NHL's annual War of Attrition.

So who are they eyeing?

The Senators had been linked to a pair of Dallas Star rental forwards, Jaromir Jagr and local product Derek Roy, but they went to Boston and Vancouver, respectively. If Murray opts for long-term need, Blue Jacket Derick Brassard and the Flames' Curtis Glencross may be had. However, these players come at a steeper cost, one the Senators may be reluctant to pay.

With all the injuries suffered this season, Murray is playing with "house money" and is not tipping his hand.

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Toronto	27	47	.365	31½
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Cleveland	22	51	.301	36
Orlando	19	56	.253	40
Charlotte	17	57	.230	41½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	55	19	.743	—
x-Oklahoma City	54	20	.730	1
x-Denver	50	24	.676	5
x-L.A. Clippers	49	26	.653	6½
x-Memphis	50	24	.676	5
Golden State	42	32	.568	13
Houston	41	33	.554	14
Utah	39	36	.520	16½
L.A. Lakers	38	36	.514	17
Dallas	36	37	.493	18½
Portland	33	41	.446	22
Minnesota	27	46	.370	27½
Sacramento	27	47	.365	28
New Orleans	26	48	.351	29
Phoenix	23	51	.311	32

x — clinched playoff berth; z — clinched conference.

**Tuesday's results**  
Washington 90 Chicago 86  
New York at Miami  
Dallas at L.A. Lakers  
**Wednesday's games**  
**All times Eastern**  
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
New York at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	GP	W	L	OL
d-Pittsburgh	36	28	8	0
d-Montreal	35	23	7	3
d-Winnipeg	38	18	18	0
Boston	34	22	8	2
Ottawa	35	19	10	2
Toronto	36	20	12	0
New Jersey	36	15	12	3
NY Islanders	37	18	16	3
NY Rangers	35	17	15	0
Carolina	34	16	16	1
Washington	35	16	17	2
Philadelphia	35	15	17	1
Buffalo	36	13	17	2
Tampa Bay	34	15	18	0
Florida	36	11	19	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	GP	W	L	OL
d-Chicago	35	27	5	0
d-Anaheim	36	24	7	2
d-Minnesota	35	21	12	1
Vancouver	36	19	11	1
Los Angeles	35	20	12	1
San Jose	35	18	11	3
Detroit	36	18	13	3
St. Louis	34	18	14	1
Edmonton	35	15	13	4
Columbus	36	15	14	3
Nashville	36	14	14	2
Dallas	35	16	16	2
Phoenix	35	14	15	2
Calgary	34	13	17	1
Colorado	35	12	19	3

d — division leader. **Note** — division leaders ranked in top 3 positions per conference regardless of points; team winning in overtime or shootout gets 2 pts & a win in the W column; team losing in overtime or shootout gets 1 pt in OTL or SOL columns.

**Tuesday's results**  
NY Islanders 5 Winnipeg 2  
Ottawa at Boston  
Washington at Carolina  
Buffalo at Pittsburgh  
Florida at Tampa Bay  
Colorado at Nashville  
Los Angeles at Phoenix  
**Wednesday's games — All times Eastern**  
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.  
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.  
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	0	0	.000	½
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000	1
New York	0	1	.000	1

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	½
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Texas	0	1	.000	1
Oakland	0	1	.000	1

**Tuesday's results**  
Baltimore 7 Tampa Bay 4  
Cleveland at Toronto  
Texas at Houston  
Seattle at Oakland  
**Wednesday's games — All times Eastern**  
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.  
Texas at Houston, 2:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.  
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.





2013 Dodge Dart GT shown.<sup>5</sup>

2013 Dodge Dart Rallye shown.<sup>5</sup>

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7-INCH TFT DISPLAY	AVAIL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PROJECTOR HEADLAMPS	STD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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# Simple yet stylish 2013 Honda CR-Z



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## 2013 Honda CR-Z

- **Type.** Two-door, two seat compact hybrid hatchback
- **Engines (hp):** 1.5-litre SOHC I4 (119 plus a 20-hp electric motor, 130-net horsepower)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable (CVT) option
- **Base price (incl. destination)** \$24,500

## 4X4

The CR-Z's six-speed manual transmission returns with a beefed-up clutch and a different final gear ratio for improved highway efficiency. From driving experience, sticking with the manual with its light, precise shifter is unquestionably your best choice if maximum performance is preferred.

## Design

As for its 2013 updates, the good news is that Honda has avoided messing about with the CR-Z's looks, other than installing mesh-look inserts for the grille, fog-light pods and rear bodywork (diffuser) and adding extra bling around the headlights. That also goes for the interior, which now features some fancier trim and reshaped door panels with added bottle holders. Unchanged are the wide and generally comfortable seats.



The look of the grille is new for 2013.

## Engine

Under its elongated hood are significant changes to the CR-Z's hybrid heart. The 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine now makes 119 horsepower, up six over the 2012 model. In addition, the nickel-metal-hydrate battery pack is replaced with a lighter and more efficient lithium-ion battery pack to backstop the electric motor. The system output is now 130 horsepower and 140 pound-feet of torque on models fitted with the optional CVT.

**Review.** If there's a standup in the Honda's 2013 lineup, it's the CR-Z, but not for the reasons you might expect

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When it comes to the 2013 Honda CR-Z, the car's true purpose remains masked by its contradictions, even after receiving a modest makeover and powertrain upgrade.

Visually, the car appears as sporty as all get out and a modern interpretation of the cute little CRX buzz-bomb of the 1980s and early '90s. That Civic-based two-seater was the ideal dance partner for drivers of modest means who wanted something that was light on its feet, looked cool and could perform magic zipping around

town or over twisty highways.

Honda envisions a significantly different role for the CR-Z, however, one that blends modest performance with an equally modest attempt at eco-friendliness with its gasoline-electric hybrid power system.

The result is a pretty decent (and attractive) commuter vehicle, but it's ultimately a car that won't set the hearts of sports-car fans aflutter. Like a timid swimmer, the CR-Z only sticks its big toe into the automotive mainstream, something that anyone wishing to avoid the sameness of your typical econo-box should find appealing.

The CR-Z comes with a selectable "3-Mode Drive System" with Sport, Normal and Econ settings to allow the driver a choice of efficiencies in operating performance and fuel consumption. Added for 2013 is a unique Plus Sport System. Provided the battery has at least a 50 per cent charge, pushing the "S+" button on the steering



The simple but effective dash/control panel layout is a carryover from the last model.

wheel while accelerating produces an extra boost of power that lasts for up to five seconds, regardless of which of the three drive-system modes you're in.

Fuel economy should be close to the 2012 model's 6.5/5.3 (l/100 km) city/highway numbers, however better results can be achieved with the CVT option that should top out at about 5.6/5.0 city/highway. Other manufacturer's hybrids can do better, but most cost more than the CR-Z's estimated \$24,500 asking price, which includes destination charges.

For that entry fee you can

count on all of the usual and expected comfort features, along with ambient console lighting, high-intensity discharge headlights and a 360-watt premium audio system. Heated leather seats and a navigation system with rear-view camera are available with the Premium Package.

Otherwise the CR-Z's advantages appear to outweigh its drawbacks. The car's sharp styling, comfortable cabin and extra-roomy and versatile cargo area are not-to-be-overlooked virtues that make it an ideal touring car for two.

## By comparison



**1 Mini Cooper**  
Base price: \$25,800



**2 Fiat 500T**  
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**3 Scion tC**  
Base price: \$22,700

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### Simply slick

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### Save your back

The Elevator, from Nomad Manufacturing, helps you stretch out over the engine bay to easily reach otherwise inaccessible areas. The Elevator, about \$650 US, can be adjusted up to two metres above the ground and the shin pad supports help keep you comfortable. For more info, visit [nomadmfg.ca](http://nomadmfg.ca).



### Thumb's up

The rechargeable, battery-powered ThumbGun polish dispenser attaches to your rotary or orbital polisher (it fits most popular brands) and allows you to dispense wax or polish without stopping. Add this device for about \$70 US from [thumbguntool.com](http://thumbguntool.com).

### Surf's up!

Surf City Garage has a range of interior and exterior detailing products that can help you clean winter grime off your vehicle. The line includes everything from detail sprays and exterior cleaners to leather care, metal polishes and scratch removers. Available at major retailers, all of the products come with a money-back guarantee. For more info, visit [surfcitygarage.com](http://surfcitygarage.com).





# Subaru's 'boxer' engine all about balance

## Driving Force.

A boxer engine provides predictability and makes it easy to service a vehicle

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To most people, a boxer is someone who makes his living in the ring. But there's another definition in the automotive world — it's a type of engine, and the only kind you'll find in a Subaru vehicle.

"It's also called a horizontally opposed or flat engine," says Ted Lalka, vice-president of product planning and marketing for Subaru Canada.

"They tend to be compact and lightweight, and they produce a fair amount of power to weight. They're still used in aviation for those reasons, and our company has a background in the aircraft industry, so we developed an expertise in these types of engines."

Subaru's boxer engine. CONTRIBUTED

The heart of an engine is a large, heavy shaft called the crankshaft. It's attached to pistons, which slide inside cylinders when they're powered by the exploding force of gasoline that's been detonated by the spark plugs. The pistons turn the crankshaft, and its spinning motion is what ultimately turns the car's wheels.

It's similar to the way your legs move up and down to turn the pedals on a bicycle, with that power used to turn the wheels.

On most engines, the pistons are above the crankshaft, either in a straight line (called an inline engine, the most common configuration for four-cylinder engines), or

slanted in two banks, forming a V that gives V6 and V8 engines their names. But on a boxer engine, the four or six pistons lie flat on either side of the crankshaft, where they move horizontally in their cylinders to provide power.

A boxer engine isn't as tall as a regular engine, which helps to lower the vehicle's

centre of gravity. This improves handling and stability.

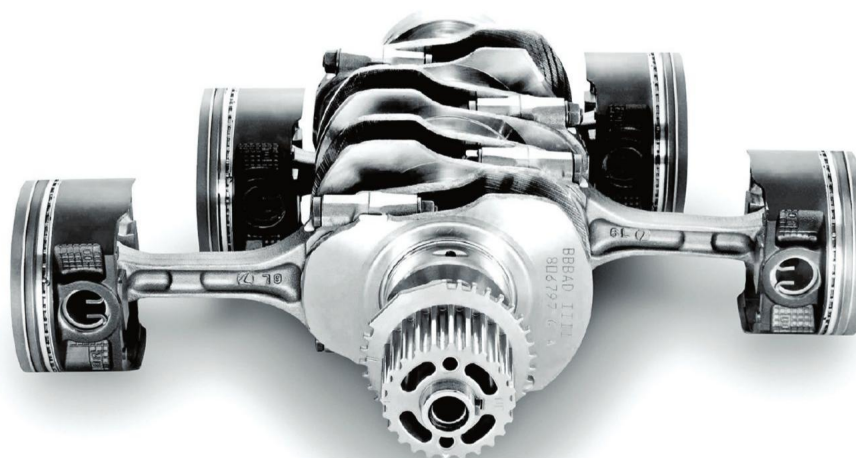
"With the boxer engine, it has very good balance between the left and right side, so the vehicle handles in a very predictable manner," Lalka says. "In addition, it makes servicing the vehicle easy. A lot of the components can be placed on top of

the engine, so the alternator, water pump, and even the oil filter are right on top where they're easier to reach."

Several companies have used the boxer engine design over the years. Porsche currently uses it in the 911, Boxster and Cayman. Other cars that have used it in the past include the Chevrolet Corvair and original Volkswagen Beetle.

## A different type of engine

- The boxer engine is part of Subaru's "symmetrical" all-wheel drive configuration, in which all driveline components are aligned on the car's north-south axis for better balance.
- It's believed that horizontally opposed engines got the name "boxer" because the piston movement looks like boxers jabbing at each other.



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There's a good chance you can find out if you'll be stranded on the side of the road, before you ever leave home.

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# Are you road ready?

**Auto Know.** Planning and preparation can save you from becoming stranded on your next road trip

Getting stranded on the side of the road happens to everyone at one point or another, but holiday trauma is less likely with a little planning.

Yes, indeed, according to auto experts, planning and preparation actually works. Who knew. Sarcasm aside, of course we know this, so why don't many of us follow our gut instincts ... or all of that professional advice?

Take some time and invest in an inspection, especially if you have a long road trip planned ... and before it's too late. Most car manufacturers recommend regular service

according to what's showing on the odometer, but we have some tips that just aren't in the manual. Yes, there's a manual.

## Boiling over and leaking

No matter how fresh and green engine coolant looks, it becomes acidic over time. That stuff will eat your engine from the inside out. So it needs to be tested and changed if necessary.

Then there are the hoses. If you're doing the inspection yourself, check them for leaks, cracks and swelling, which are all signs of fatigue. While you're under there (with the engine off), never, ever remove the radiator cap unless the engine is cold, never wear loose clothing or jewelry/watches and, for goodness sake, take off that necktie.

## Oil changes are still needed

Many car companies recommend an oil-and-filter change every three months or 5,000 to 8,000 kilometres, while some want you to do it less often. Consult your owners' manual to find out regular maintenance schedule specifics, and here's why.

Worn-out oil actually works against your engine, acting as an abrasive instead of a lubricant, causing excessive wear and premature failure. Before heading out on the open road for a 5,000 km road trip, give it a change. Or, if the change is scheduled to occur sometime during the trip, drop off the vehicle for a few hours at a lube shop along the way and plan a bus trip or a wax-museum visit.

## Brakes

Perhaps no other part of your vehicle takes as much punishment as the brakes. Have a technician inspect the system

## Aerodynamics

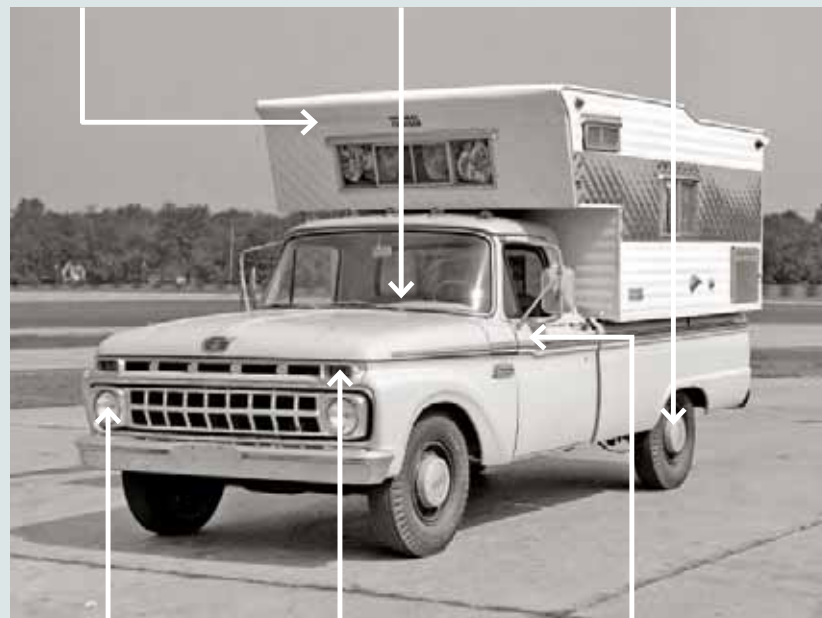
Not exactly wind-cheating, is it? With today's high gas prices, aerodynamics should be a factor in how you travel. Just because you have an old roof rack for the bags doesn't mean you should use it.

## Road tunes

Don't forget your iPod (and your cable) and the laptop to download new road tunes when you bed down for the night.

## Tires

Under-inflated tires generate excessive heat — a tire killer — and they're tough to roll, which increases fuel consumption.



## Headlights

Headlights get just as messed up with bugs as the windshield does, so when it's time to clean the windshield, do the headlights. Sounds like a good "game" for the kids.

## Turn signals

You remember turn signals? When you're in unfamiliar territory, use them to reduce the likelihood of collisions that might strand you somewhere you don't want to be.

## Locks, seals and hinges

Do you really want to travel a billion miles on summer vacation listening to the same squeak? Lube all locks, seals and hinges.

for wear and proper operation.

Since your minivan/maxitruck/Mini Cooper will most likely be packed to the gills with family members (who you presumably love) for a road trip, it's no time to lose your brakes. A lesson we've learned the hard way is never, ever scrimp on brake pads since there can be dramatic performance differences.

## Wheel alignment

Well, you made it through pothole season with your teeth and tailbone intact, but how's your car doing? Because of the delicate calibration of all four wheels in today's automobiles, hitting just one pothole can throw the alignment out of whack.

Uneven tire wear and/or steering difficulty can point to alignment problems. And since your suspension is much "stiffer" in the winter (cold

contracts the parts and turns normally soft rubber bushings into rock-like pieces), the "thud" from a big pothole in the spring can do some serious damage. Best get on that.

## Windshield woes

A dirty windshield causes eye fatigue and poses a safety hazard. Like, you haven't heard that a million times before. But just because you have new wiper blades doesn't mean you have clear vision.

On older vehicles that see a lot of highway use, the windshield becomes sandblasted and pitted, creating a fuzzy, hazy view. The problem is amplified at dawn and dusk and when there's glare off a wet road. If you can swing it — perhaps even your insurance policy covers it — get a fresh piece of glass installed.

## Use your lights

First, if you're going to be on the road, your headlights are going to be just as caked with bugs as your windshield, so clean them often.

Second, sloppy driving habits at home, like not signaling, are not going to cut it in areas of the country you know nothing about. By being one of those frustrating tourists who can't read the no-left-turn signs, you're a collision just waiting to happen if you don't signal.

## Batteries

They're fickle creatures that quit at will without a care in world what you happen to be doing at the time. The only accurate way to detect a weak battery is with professional equipment. For routine care, however, scrape away corrosion from posts and cable connections; clean all surfaces; retighten all connections.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Do whatever it takes to make an impression on people in positions of power. With your drive and determination you can and you must find ways to get yourself noticed.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Forget about the negative things in your life — the bills, the quarrels, etc. — and focus on your dreams. The planets indicate that at least one of those dreams will come true over the next few weeks.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you need to improve your financial situation then it's time to make that big move from the planning stage to the doing stage. You know what changes need to be made, so get on with it and make them.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Changes seem to be coming quickly at the moment and it may all be getting a bit too much for you. Calm down, make yourself a nice cup of tea and let the planets work their magic. You'll be OK.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It seems you have your fingers in too many pies at the moment and there is a serious possibility they could get burned. Maybe it's time to back off a bit, at least for a while. Sort out your priorities.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your creative juices are bubbling and although some say your ideas are far-fetched, you know they can work. You have so much confidence in your abilities there is nothing you cannot do.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will be on good terms with just about everyone today but especially with a group of people who like to go to extremes. That's all fine and dandy but watch out you don't hurt yourself, or other people.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Nothing seems to faze you at the moment. Is that because your circumstances have changed for the better or is it because you finally understand that life is supposed to be fun? Whatever the reason, enjoy!

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Minor problems will likely be magnified into major setbacks today, at least in your head. It is essential that you don't let your fears get out of hand. What happened to that happy-go-lucky, optimistic Sag?

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Pluto in your birth sign gives you great power but it also brings with it responsibility for how you use that power. You may be tempted to use your authority to cut corners today but that would be a mistake.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Others may be urging you to do this or do that but don't listen to them. There is no need to panic or change your lifestyle. Changes will take place but let them happen gradually, not all in one go.

### Pisces

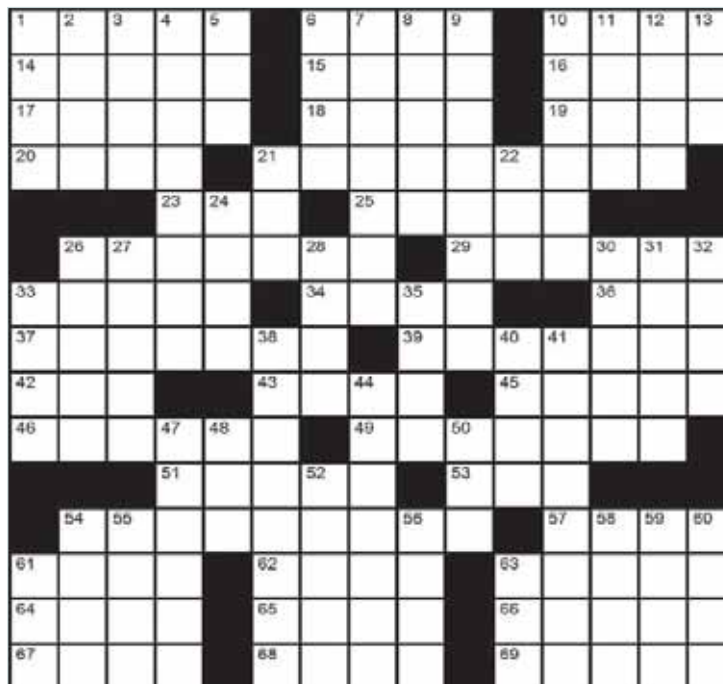
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What is happening in your life may be unsettling but it is also necessary if you are to lead a fuller existence. Whatever is going on won't be happening next week. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Winnie-the-Pooh greeting
6. Long-range weapon, commonly
10. Taj Mahal's site
14. Shake like \_\_\_
15. Actor, Benicio Del \_\_\_
16. Alaska's famous Glacier
17. Alberta tourist hotspot
18. Canadian news anchor who is 3x Olympian, Rosey \_\_\_
19. Curves
20. Ice floes animal
21. Winnipeg-born singer/songwriter Chantal
23. Singer Ms. DiFranco
25. Right-hand page
26. Lady Gaga's "Bad \_\_\_"
29. Virgil epic
33. Tailor's lines
34. Subtraction opp.
36. Francis \_\_, "Love Story" score composer
37. "Piece of cake!": 2 wds.
39. Character in Great Expectations
42. Superagent on "Entourage"
43. "Hey! Hold on \_\_\_!"
45. Makes \_\_ (Is untidy)
46. City of Russia
49. Trinidad music style
51. Alan \_\_ (Canadian hubby of Suzanne Somers)



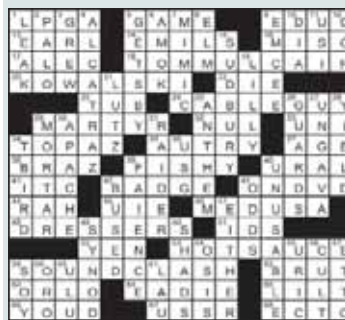
53. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
54. Fundraising entities
57. Queen's 'Bohemian', e.g.
61. Enthusiasm
62. Swimmer's circuits
63. Shrek's beloved Princess
64. The Phantom's name in Gaston Leroux's classic novel The Phantom of the

- Opera
  65. Itemize
  66. Songs
  67. Canadian comedian/actor, Jon \_\_
  68. Musher's 'vehicle'
  69. Some ducks
- Down**
1. Montreal hockey players, to fans
  2. Wings: Latin
  3. Ms. Horne

4. Chief Anchor of "CTV National News", Lisa \_\_
5. Switch selection
6. Old road of Rome
7. Emergency situation: 2 wds.
8. Alla \_\_ (Music term)
9. Daniel Day-Lewis film, "The Last of the \_\_"
10. Books-selling website
11. Wise adviser
12. Humphrey's part in

- "Casablanca" (1942)
13. MGM's motto, \_\_ Gratia Artis (Art for Art's Sake)
21. Family
22. Used up
24. Astronaut employer
26. '70s fashion, for instance
27. "Wonderwall" band
28. Islets
30. Its opposites
31. "\_\_\_ feel that way." (Concurring comment)
32. "Buenos \_\_\_!"
33. Thailand, formerly
35. Prefix meaning 'Ten'
38. Log-processing sites
40. Mr. Diggs
41. Shopper's dream site
44. "The Twilight Saga: \_\_\_" (2010)
47. Ottawa-born actress Sarah
48. Rowboat steerer
50. Mil. officers
52. Internet commerce, \_\_
54. Kind of mackerel
55. Brushed stuff
56. Approximated, for short
58. Sharpen skills
59. Afresh
60. Backstage \_\_
61. Last letter
63. Alberta's McMurray, et al.

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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